

HCS HB 1870 -- MULTIDOSE MEDICATIONS

SPONSOR: Barnes (60)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill allows medications in multidose containers that were administered to or used for a patient during a hospital stay to be sent with the patient at discharge. The medication must be labeled. Controlled substances cannot be sent with the patient, with some exceptions for on-body medication delivery systems or controlled substance infusions.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that bill will save individuals and the state money by allowing multidose medications to be sent home with a patient rather than thrown away.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Barnes; BJC Healthcare; and Cox Health.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.